



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Governor's Office of Planning and Research



## Integrated Multi-Hazard Mitigation

### The Partnership

California Rural Policy Task Force, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)  
State Clearinghouse, OPR  
Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)  
California Department of Forestry (CDF)  
Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC)  
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

### General Agreements

It is generally agreed that the three state agencies working in conjunction with local governments will develop a short term and long term strategy for mitigating natural and manmade hazards in California communities.

An emphasis will be placed on recognizing existing planning requirements and activities already being undertaken by the state, regional and local entities.

The short-term project, Wildfire Urban Interface Initiative, will focus on the emergency preparedness needs of rural areas with a special emphasis on wildfires. The longer-term project will coordinate multi-hazard disaster mitigation efforts through the update of general plans and development of related land use documents, i.e. ordinances.

### Phase 1 - Wildfire Urban Interface Initiative

- **Goal:** Develop a guidance document for use by fire safe councils and local governments in integrating and coordinating their efforts to identify and mitigate hazards related to wildfires.
- **Timeline:** Summer 2002
- **Content:** The guidance document will include:
  1. A process for coordinating and integrating planning and mitigation efforts.
  2. Data and format recommendations for planning activities.
  3. Information on existing disaster planning requirements in state and federal law.
  4. Model Safety Element and recommendation for amendments to general plan for the purpose of mitigating the impact of wildfires.
- **Public Outreach:**

Working through the California Fire Alliance, OPR will encourage local government participation in workshops and assist in providing a translation between community fire planning efforts and local government land use planning requirements. <http://www.opr.ca.gov/publications/PDFs/PublicNotice.pdf>

## **Phase 2 – Multi-Hazard Mitigation Initiative**

- **Goal:** Develop guidance for incorporating hazard mitigation into general plans and related ordinances.
- **Timeline:** To be determined
- **Public Outreach:**
  1. Opportunities for three to four multi-hazard mitigation planning pilot projects.
  2. Publication of an updated general plan guideline related to hazard mitigation.
  3. OPR, CDF and OES to jointly host regional workshops on multi-hazard mitigation within the context of the general plan. RCRC and CSAC will be asked if they would like to co-sponsor these workshops.